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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 4947

#### **Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Considering that some of the township industrial parks of Gauteng have been unfit for habitation due to the collapse of infrastructure, what steps does he intend to take, in consultation with other relevant stakeholders, to resolve the outstanding issues by the end of 2025? NO5531E

#### **REPLY:**

**the dtic** is leading consultative processes that are aimed at addressing a number of stumbling blocks around revitalisation of some of the Gauteng Industrial Parks (IPs). Through partnerships with the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD), City of Joburg (CoJ), Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA), Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED), Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SEDFA), and organised industrial parks tenants, a number of stakeholder engagements have been hosted since, to date, the beginning of 2025. The JDA (Joburg Development Agency) has developed an Urban Development Precinct Framework for the Orlando West IP, which has been the subject of discussion for its amendment, input and implementation by all stakeholders.

Two (2) oversight visits in Soweto, Joburg and Midrand, were conducted by the DSBD Deputy Minister, Ms Jane Sithole, accompanied by **the dtic**, CoJ, SEDFA and IPs tenants – during the months of January and August 2025.

Six (6) separate discussion sessions were held between **the dtic**, CoJ and SEDFA with tenants' groups represented by the Orlando West IP (OWIPA) and Gauteng IPs (GAPIPA). Topics that were covered during the sessions ranged from security & safety, governance & operations, regulatory compliance, socioeconomic impact landscape, infrastructure failures, and interventions required by MSMEs tenants in the parks.

The revised plan of interventions will include Digital and Artisanal Incubation / Accelerators Hubs that are aimed at supporting skills and MSMEs development.

Furthermore, a 2-day Workshop has taken place from 11 to 12 September 2025, in Soweto, seeking to adopt a joint development work plan that will repurpose and revitalise Industrial Parks in Joburg (Soweto and Pennyville, in particular).

There are four (4) IPs in Gauteng that are prioritised for receipt of support in 2025/26 and 2026/27, under **the dtic** Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP) – namely, the Soweto-based Orlando West IP, Laborie IP (in Ekurhuleni), Babelegi and Ga-Rankuwa IPs. The Babelegi, Ga-Rankuwa and Ekandustria, are provincial cross-border parks that have consolidated teams of private sector personnel to assist parks management / owners with implementation of the renewed mandate of joint collaboration for maintenance and sustainability of IPs infrastructure.

Meetings to facilitate interventions for critical infrastructure development to support businesses were also held by MEC, Mr Lebogang Maile (GDED), MEC Ms Bitsa Lenkopane of North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism (DEDECT), **the dtic** and the Babelegi IP private sector forum - on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

**the dtic** is working on a revised business approach for a sustainable, safe and investor-friendly Ga-Rankuwa IP, in joint collaboration with the business forum tenants. Babelegi, Ga-Rankuwa and Ekandustria will see the implementation of the next phases of revitalisation under the collaborative framework for good governance, co-funding and joint performance oversight. The above-mentioned interventions are aimed at resolving outstanding issues and **the dtic** will report on progress when the Department appears before the Portfolio Committee.

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